

# Auburn VISITORS GUIDE Opelika

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Azalea-Dogwood Trail

## Auburn/Opelika

In a charming university community located only a short distance from Atlanta, Birmingham, or Montgomery, you'll find the twin cities of Auburn-Opelika, Alabama.

Few places share the unique and eclectic atmosphere of this diverse southern hamlet, the home of Auburn University, world-class golf along the renowned Robert Trent Jones Trail, and an enticing and extensive selection of shopping and dining opportunities. With lodging and meeting facilities to suit any taste, Auburn-Opelika is a perfect choice for a relaxing getaway or your company's next annual conference. Enjoy the thrill of college football in the crisp autumn air, the sense of peace and renewal found among the blooming dogwoods and azaleas of spring, or the mild atmosphere of our winters and summers where activities abound for just about any interest.

## Auburn University

The East Alabama Male College was chartered in 1856 as a Methodist institution and classes were first held in 1859 for 80 students with a faculty of six. Today Auburn is the largest university in Alabama, with an enrollment of approximately 23,000. Students hail from all 50 states and nearly 100 foreign countries. Since its founding, AU has awarded more than 186,000 degrees at its main campus. Rich in tradition but with visionary direction for the future, the university is nationally renowned for many of its programs and accomplishments:

- Research at Auburn University resulted in the invention of the flea pill.
- The Sporting News ranked AU's football game day atmosphere as one of the top five in the nation.
- Auburn University has graduated six astronauts, including the second woman in space and one of the astronauts featured in the blockbuster hit Apollo 13.
- Canine research conducted at AU has developed a high-performance dog food that sharpens the ability to detect explosives.
- The College of Engineering launched the nation's first Bachelor of Wireless Engineering program in 2003.
- AU researchers invented the super bullet-proof vest and are furthering the technology for use in the cockpit protection of commercial airliners against terrorist attacks.

The 2003 NCAA national title was claimed by both men and women in Auburn's Swimming & Diving program, a first not only for the university but also for any school in the nation whose teams shared one coach! The program is just one of many in Auburn's athletic offerings whose teams continue to rank and perform on a national level every year. From baseball to equestrian, from football to volleyball, Auburn has something throughout the year for every fan.



Aubie, the official, award winning mascot of Auburn University





Robert Trent Jones Grand National Golf Course

# Golf

Follow the world-renowned Robert Trent Jones Trail right down to Opelika where you'll find Grand National Golf Course, the site Jones himself proclaimed the "single greatest site for a course" he had ever seen. Auburn-Opelika also features 100 additional holes of the south's most beautiful public golf; they may hurt your pride but you'll barely feel it in your wallet!

## Auburn Links at Mill Creek

826 Shell Toomer Parkway, Auburn. 334-887-5151 [www.auburnlinks.com](http://www.auburnlinks.com). 18-hole championship public golf course with bent grass greens and rolling fairways along Parker's Mill Creek. Amenities: Lighted driving range, putting greens, grille & bar, professional golf lessons, club fitting and fully-stocked pro shop. Operating: 7 days a week, 7:30 a.m. - dark. EE, RF, DP

## The Auburn University Club

1650 Yarybrough Farms Blvd. 334-821-8381 or 1-877-AUB-CLUB. [www.auclub.com](http://www.auclub.com). 18-hole private course that will host university as well as other tournaments. Practice range, chipping and putting greens, restaurant. Tennis courts and pool. Operating: Tue.-Sun., 7 a.m. - sunset. EE, RF, DP

Key to Disabled Accessibility Abbreviations:

Accessible entrance and exit.....EE

Restroom facilities.....RF

Water fountain.....WF

Designated parking spaces.....DP

## Beaver Creek Golf Course

1245 Lee Road 197, Phenix City 36870. 334-297-8100  
18-hole Public course featuring dwarf bermuda greens.  
Amenities: Putting green, chipping green, driving range and snack bar. Operating: Seven days a week, 7:00 a.m. - dark. DP

## Grand National

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail 3000 Sunbelt Parkway, Opelika 36801. 334-749-9042 or 1-800-949-4444. [www.rtgolf.com](http://www.rtgolf.com).  
Public course featuring bent grass greens on the championship course and Bermuda grass on the short course. One of eight complexes on Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. 32 of the 54 holes border 600-acre Saugahatchee Lake. Amenities: Putting greens, practice range, driving range, restaurant and locker rooms. Operating: 7 days a week, 7:30 a.m. - dark. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Indian Pines

900 Country Club Dr., Auburn 36830. 334-821-0880.  
18-hole municipal golf course that is fun for golfers at all levels featuring bermuda grass in the summer and bent/rye mix in the winter. Amenities: Chipping green, putting green, driving range, fully-stocked golf shop, PGA golf lessons and snack bar.  
Operating: Seven days a week, 7:30 a.m. - dark. April 12-Sept 1 - 7am to dark EE, RF, WF, DP

## Moores Mill Golf Club

1957 Fairway Dr. , Auburn 36830. 334-826-8989 [www.mooresmillgolfclub.com](http://www.mooresmillgolfclub.com). Semi-private (public welcome) course featuring eagle greens. Amenities: Putting greens, practice range, driving range, restaurant and locker rooms.  
Operating: M-F 7:30 am - 5 pm S/S 7:00am - 5pm

## Pin Oaks Golf Club

US Highway 29 S., Auburn. (P. O. Box 1792, Auburn 36831) 334-821-0893. 18-hole, par-72 public golf course along tree-lined fairways. Amenities: Putting green, driving range and snack bar. Operating: M-F, 8:30 a.m.-dark. S/S, 7:30 a.m.-dark.

## Saugahatchee Country Club

3800 Bent Creek Road, Opelika, 36801.  
334-749-3441. Private course that hosts annual tournaments open to spectators. Operating: 7 days 8-dark RF, DP



Toomer' Corner ca. 1850



South 9th Street, Opelika, ca. 1860

# Historic Attractions

With Opelika celebrating its Sesquicentennial birthday this year (that's 150 years!!), and Auburn quickly approaching its own, you can take back through time as you stroll the dozens of homes and business throughout our community that are featured on the National Register of Historical Places. Visit the Museum of East Alabama to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of 19th-century Lee County.

## The Depot

1032 S. Railroad Ave., Opelika 36803. 749-8105. Open 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Built about 1920 and recently restored to its original style. Houses the offices of the Opelika Arts Association and Opelika Mainstreet. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Downtown Promenade

745-0466. Downtown Opelika. Learn the history of historic downtown Opelika as you stroll through the quaint shopping district and read the story of its development on more than 20 disks in the sidewalks. Museums, antique shops, restaurants and night life.

## Lee County Courthouse

215 S. 9th St., Opelika (P. O. Box 666, Opelika 36803-0666). 745-9767. Open Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This working courthouse located in Historic Downtown Opelika across from Courthouse Square is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The renovated structure was built in 1896 in the neo-classical revival style. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Loachapoka Historic District

Hwy. 14 W, Loachapoka. 887-8747. Historic homes and the Lee County Historical Society Museum are located in the district listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Pebble Hill

Magnolia Ave. and 101 Debardeleben St., Auburn (Auburn University 36849-5637). 844-4946. Open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Built in 1847, Pebble Hill was once the home of Colonel Nathaniel J. Scott. Today it is home of the Auburn University Center for the Arts and Humanities which hosts periodic programs on art, history, literature and more. [www.auburn-edu/pebblehill](http://www.auburn-edu/pebblehill) EE, RF, DP.

## Salem-Shotwell Covered Bridge

Lee Rd. 252, Salem. 887-8747. 75-foot town-truss-style bridge across Wacoochee Creek. Built at the turn of the century by Mr. Otto Puls.

## Tiger Trail of Auburn

College St. & W. Magnolia Ave. (P. O. Box 1370, Auburn 36831-1370). 887-7011. Along the streets of Uptown Auburn, granite plaques pay tribute to Auburn University's greatest athletes, coaches and administrators. Each year the Auburn Chamber of Commerce adds the plaques of new inductees to the city's own walk of fame. DP.

## Toomers Corner

The main intersection of Auburn and Auburn University where Auburn fans and friends gather to celebrate everything from athletic victories to the new year. Look for the orange tiger paw painted in front of Toomers Drugs.

## Whitfield-Searcy House

601 Ave. A, Opelika (P. O. Box 2366, Opelika 36803-2366). 745-4861 or 1-800-OPELIKA. Open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Queen Anne Victorian home built in 1895 now serves as the Opelika Chamber of Commerce. EE, RF, DP





Surfside Water Park

### Family Fun Junction

2490 S. College St., Auburn. 826-1201. Activities: Go-cart racing, miniature golf, large jungle gym, batting cages, arcade games and snack area.

### Hickory Dickory Park

Hickory Lane and North Cedarbrook, Auburn. 887-4930. Open 7 days, sunrise to sunset. 12,000 sq. ft. of community-built playspace, picnic areas and restrooms facilities.

### Kiesel Park

Chadwick Ln., Auburn (307 S. Dean Rd., Auburn 36830). 887-4930. Open sunrise-sunset. Spectacular nature trail encompasses this 124-acre park showing visitors a rural habitat. Environmental lab, pavilion and picnic area. EE, RF, WF, DP

### Lake Harding

1-888-472-5253. Activities: Water activities, boat ramp.

### Fun Zone

334-704-0440. Activities: Skating, arcade.

### Lee County Public Fishing Lake

Lee Rd. 146, Opelika (321 Lee Rd. 808, Opelika 36804). 749-1275. Open Tues-Sat. Feb.-Jun and Wed-Sat. July-Nov., sunrise-sunset. Closed on Mondays. Closed Dec.-Jan. Fishing permit required. 130-acre public fishing lake owned and operated by the State of Alabama. Fishing boats and trolling motors for rent and boat ramps available. EE, RF, DP

### Saugahatchee Lake

Saugahatchee Lake Rd., Opelika (P. O. Box 1029, Opelika 36803). 705-5500. Open Tues.-Sun., sunrise-sunset. Fishing and boat permits from Opelika City Hall required. 600-acre lake stocked with all types of freshwater fish. EE

### Spring Villa Park

1474 Lee Rd. 148, Opelika (P. O. Box 1026, Opelika 36803). 705-5560 or 705-5552. Park open sunrise-dark. No admission charge to enter park. Admission charge for camping. Reservations for pavilion required. 300-acre park with 24 improved campsites, lodge, walking trail and 4-acre parking lot. Home to the historic 1850s William Penn Yonge home (listed on the National Register of Historic Places)

### SurfSide Water Park

2780 S. College St., Auburn 36832. 821-7873. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. www.surfsidewaterpark.com Admission charge. A wave pool, water slides, lazy river ride, children's pool, volleyball facilities and concessions offer cool excitement and relief from the summer sun. Senior citizen and group discounts. Season passes and catering available. EE, RF, WF, DP

### West Ridge Baseball Complex

Douglas Ave., Opelika (P. O. Box 1026, Opelika 36803). 705-5560 or 705-5559. Eight Dixie Youth-size and two Dixie Boys-size fields, two fast pitch girls softball fields, three control buildings with press boxes, concessions and restrooms, playground, walking trail and lighted parking lots. EE, RF, WF, DP

### Wynnsong 16

E. University Drive, Auburn. 501-0401. Activities: Movie theater featuring 16 screens and tiered seating.

Jordan-Hare Stadium



## Shopping

From antiques to zinnias, shopping in Auburn-Opelika holds something to suit every taste. Spend a few days combing the eclectic offerings of our merchants and you'll feel like you've stumbled upon a secret treasure! Start your adventure with a latte and freshly baked muffin in one of our coffee houses and spend the day stuffing your bags with funky clothing from a downtown loft store, sophisticated jewelry from a neighborhood boutique, trendy handbags, fabulously unique gifts, home accessories, art and antiques. Complete your trip with a hot stone massage at one of our full-service spas. You'll deserve it after carrying around all those heavy bags!

### Antiques

A treasure trove of antiques awaits you on a convenient loop through our twin cities. Delightful shopping venues offer a wide range of goods from unique collectibles to the finest in period antiques. Angels Antiques & Flea Market, Courthouse Square Antiques, Rattling Gourd Gallery, and Spring Village Antiques are just a few of the must-sees for remembrances of days gone by.

### Colonial University Village

1627-53 Opelika Rd., Auburn 36830. 821-8327. Open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 9 p.m.; Sun., noon - 6 p.m. This enclosed shopping mall houses 64 stores and eight restaurants. Annual events include arts and crafts fairs and antique, coin, card and comic book shows. EE, RF, DP

### Downtown Opelika

S. 6th St.-S. 10th St. (P. O. Box 2366, Opelika 36803). 745-4861 or 1-800-OPELIKA. Many of the historic buildings that once housed the saloons of old Opelika's pioneering days are now filled with antique stores, gift shops and restaurants. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the district is home to the Lee County Courthouse, Museum of East Alabama, Confederate Monument and Iron Frog Monument. DP

### Ogletree Village

2300 Moores Mill Road, Auburn. Upscale shopping with unique shops, spa, boutiques and restaurant.

### Tiger Town

Auburn/Opelika's newest mall, this open-air facility houses 176,000 square feet of shopping space, restaurants and hotels. Opening summer 2004.

### Downtown Auburn

College St. and W. Magnolia Ave., Auburn 36831. 887-7011. An array of specialty shops, restaurants and boutiques plus Tiger Trail of Auburn and Toomer's Drugs make Uptown Auburn a busy and charming historic business district. DP



Rattling Gourd Gallery

### USA Factory Outlet Stores

1220 Fox Run Pkwy., Opelika (P. O. Drawer 2523, Opelika 36803-2523) 749-0561. Open Mon.- Sat., 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.; Sun., 12 p.m.- 6 p.m. Winter hours apply. Shop more than 25 true manufacturer's outlets. Save 25-70 percent off retail prices every day. Brochures and coupon books available. Tour groups welcome. EE, RF, DP

### University Village

Unique Shopping, full service spa and restaurants featuring J&M II, Auburn's oldest university bookstore and purveyor of auburn merchandise.



# Cultural Attractions

Auburn-Opelika is proud of its rich offering of museums and cultural attractions unlike any other community its size. The newest jewel in our crown, the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University, features a permanent collection that spans an impressive array of American & European art. A variety of historical museums and performing arts centers round out a notable selection of cultural offerings for visitors from around the world.

## Auburn Area Community Theater

334-741-5333, dczski@msn.com. A group of over 30 actors, artists, and crew dedicated to quality, entertaining, and thought-provoking theater to East Central Alabama. Three to four productions per year, including one children’s production.

## Auburn University Jonathan B. Lovelace Athletic Museum and Hall of Honor

Athletic Complex at the corner of Donahue and Samford avenues on the campus of Auburn University, (P. O. Box 351, Auburn 36831-0351). 334-844-0764. www.auburn.edu/athletics/museum.html. Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. Saturdays, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Football Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Football Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. No admission charge. The museum is dedicated to honoring Auburn's athletic past. Documenting all of the intercollegiate sports played by Auburn men and women down through the years, the museum shows people how athletic programs have contributed to Auburn's historical traditions. Recognizes some of America's most well-known athletes with high-tech interactive exhibits, life-size talking dioramas and traditional displays. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center

222 E. Drake Ave., Auburn. 334-887-4938. www.auburnalabama.org/arts. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday by appointment only. No admission charge. The arts center provides the area residents with access to an outstanding, active schedule of exhibitions, musical concerts, lectures, art classes and special events for children and adults throughout the year.

## Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University

901 S. College St., Auburn. 334-844-1484. Home for Auburn University's permanent collection of American and European art. Includes eight exhibition galleries, gift shop, restaurant, auditorium and a series of formal gardens incorporating sculpture and water features. Collections include Georgia O'Keefe and John James Audubon prints. Will host traveling exhibitions, lecturers and other special events. Operating Hours: Tues - Sat. 10am -4pm Sunday 11am - 5 pm

## Museum of East Alabama

121 S. Ninth St., Opelika, 36803. 334-749-2751. www.eastalabama.org or email Peter@eastalabama.org. Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. No admission charge. The museum tells the story of the area's history and growth through exhibits of more than 3,000 artifacts. Special areas of interest are the doll collection, history of industrial technology, WWI & WWII, Civil War, pioneer household goods and musical instruments. EE, DP

## Telfair Peet Theatre

211 Telfair Peet Theatre, Samford Ave., Auburn University, 36849-5422. 334-844-4154. auburnuniversitytheatre.org. Admission charge. From classical to modern productions, Telfair Peet Theatre offers exceptional performances year-round, including five productions September through May, summer dinner theatres and the annual autumn haunting of the theatre. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Opelika Performing Arts Series

1032 Railroad Ave.. Opelika 36803-3019. 749-8105. Admission charge. Each year the Opelika Performing Arts Series brings outstanding productions including dramatic theatre, Broadway musicals, opera and more to East Alabama. EE, RF, WF, DP

# Outdoor Recreation and Family Entertainment

Bordered by an Alabama State Park and with a history steeped in agricultural development, outdoor and family recreational opportunities abound in our community. Tap into your sense of adventure and brace the Speed Slide at Surfside Water Park, enjoy a relaxing picnic at one of our gorgeous public parks or anything in between.

## AMF Auburn Lanes

719 Opelika Rd., Auburn. 887-6573. www.auburnlanesal.amfcenters.com. Leagues and open-lane bowling daily. Featuring 10-pin bowling, game room, cafe, and proshop.

## Auburn Softball Complex

2560 S. College St., Auburn 887- 4927. www.auburnalabama.org/softball. Admission charged for selected events. Five-field complex with covered dugouts, skinned infields, Bermuda grass, three-story control building and concessions. Host of National ASA and ISA tournaments. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Auburn University Collegiate Sports

Auburn Athletic ticket Office, P. O. Box 351, Auburn 36831-0351. 844-4040 or 1-800-AUB-1957. Sports fans flock to Auburn for football, basketball, baseball, gymnastics and 16 more NCAA Division IA sports. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Chewacla State Park

124 Shell Toomer Pkwy., Auburn 36830. 887-5621 or 1-800-ALA-PARK. Open 8 a.m.- sunset. Admission charge. A great

place for a picnic, a day of activities or an overnight stay in camping facilities or cabins. Miles of nature trails for hiking and biking follow the creeks and hills of this 696-acre park. A 26-acre lake for swimming, fishing and boating is available as well as tennis courts, playground, a beautiful waterfall, picnic areas and group camp area. RF, DP

## Donald E. Davis Arboretum

Garden Dr. & College St., Auburn (Dept. Of Botany & Microbiology, 101 Rouse LSB, Auburn University 36849). 844-5770. Open sunrise-sunset. Located on the campus of Auburn University, the arboretum is home to 150 different tree species native to Alabama and the Southeast. A brochure distinguishes the species for visitors as they stroll along the walking trails. EE, RF, DP

## Duck Samford Sports Complex

1720 E. University Dr., Auburn (307 S. Dean Rd., Auburn 36830). 887-4930. Four Dixie Youth-size and two Dixie Boys-size baseball fields, one girl's softball field, control buildings with concessions, press boxes, restrooms, playgrounds, picnic area, walking trail and lighted parking lots. The complex also has a football field with concessions, and restrooms, two soccer/la cross fields, and a walking track around the soccer fields. EE, RF, WF, DP

## Louise Kreher Forest Ecology Preserve

3100 AL Hwy. 147 N, Auburn 108 M White Smith Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849. 502-4553. Tues, Sat, Sun 8-5 winter 8-7 daylight savings. www.forestry.auburn.edu/eco-site. Scheduled Ecology Programs at the Memorial Canopy. Walking trails of the 110-acre Preserve offer opportunities for birding, observation of wildlife and identification of trees and wild flowers. Focal areas include the Wetlands, Butterfly garden, GPS, fern, reptile and wildlife trails. Also used as an orienteering course. EE, RF, WF, DP

Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University



Samford Stadium-Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park



Toomer's Corner After an Auburn Victory

